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PREADIPOCYTES INTO ADIPOCYTES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to an Office Action mailed on November 14, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences are enclosed with the appropriate fees. If the Commissioner ascertains that an additional fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge any additional requisite fees to Deposit Account 11-0980.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No amendments to the Specifications and no amendments to the drawings are proposed at this time.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.